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Madrid, Febr. 25.

Don Fernando de Valenzuela remains a prisoner at *Consuegra*, and, as we are informed, is kept with so much strictness as to have Irons put upon his hands and feet. The other day, at his request, his Highness *Don Juan* of *Austria* sent his Confessor to *Consuegra*, to whom *Don Valenzuela* is said to have discovered several matters of importance, and particularly in whose hands he had several Sums of Mony. The Queen will now very suddenly begin her journey from hence to *Toledo*, where the Archbishops Palace is prepared for her, and then the King will leave the *Retiro*, and will come to the Palace here, attended by all the Grandees and Persons of Quality, on which occasion there will be a great Cavalcade. The Admiral of *Castile*, who was Master of Horse to the Queen, is, we hear, made a Prisoner, and the discourse is, that his Admiralship will be given to the Count *de Melgar*. The Prince of *Astillano*, who was President of the Councel of *Flanders*, is commanded to retire to *Granado*; and the said Presidentship will it's said be given to the Count *de Monterey*; several other Persons of Quality have been likewise arrested and removed from Court. Great endeavors have been used by the Councel of *Seville*, that no Fleet might be sent to the *Indies* this year, because the Market is already overstockt, which was the occasion of the small returns the last ships brought from thence; but after all it hath been resolved, that a Fleet shall go, and that it shall sail from *Cadiz* about the beginning of *June*, under the command of *Don Jasper de Velasco*. Great Levies are making all the Kingdom over, for the service of *Sicily* and *Catalonia*, and a very considerable Sum of Mony hath been remitted to *Flanders*.

Naples, Febr. 25. We have not of late received any thing of moment from *Sicily*, neither side having attempted any thing, and will not till the reinforcements they expect are arrived. The Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, the Spanish Viceroy omits nothing on his part to put himself into a condition suitable to the exigency of affairs; but in the mean time has desired leave to quit that Government, and to return to *Spain*, which, it is said, the King has granted him. From *Messina* we hear, that Provisions, and especially Corn, are not very plentiful there, and that *Taormina* and the other places the French took some time since are rather a burthen then advantage to them, for that they must be supplyed with Corn from *Messina*, not having enough of their own product for their subsistence, those parts abounding in Wine and Oyl, but wanting Corn. The French Fleet under the command of the Sieur *du Quesne* is returned home.

Vienna, March 7. This Court is much concerned at the account it receives of the posture of things in *Flanders*, where the French were already going to begin the Campagne, and several Councels have been held here for the taking the resolutions necessary concerning the proceedings of the Imperial Forces this this Summer. The Marquis *de los Balbaces*, who is appointed to go to assist at the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, as the first Ambassador of *Spain*, will begin his journey from hence some time next week. From *Hungary* we have advice, that all the Hungarian Nobility that were in Arms against the Emperor, are come in, and have submitted.

Ditto, March 8. The Count *de Walstain*, appointed the Emperors Envoy Extraordinary, to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, uses all diligence in the preparations he makes for his journey. Commissions are given out for the raising two Regiments more, one of Foot, and the other of Horse. The Councel of War is assembled almost every day, for the taking the resolutions necessary relating to the Campagne, and orders have been given for the providing a large Sum of Mony, which General *Montecuculi* is to take with him, to be employed as there shall happen to be occasion. We have Letters from *Constantinople*, which assure us, that express orders had been sent to the Vizier of *Offen*, and the Bassa of *Erla*, not to give the least assistance or countenance to the Hungarian Rebels, which we hope will induce those that still stand out, to come in, and submit themselves, according to the example of their Companions.

Hamburg, March 16. Great preparations are made in the Elector of *Brandenburgs* Territories, for the approaching Campagne; and we are still told from *Berlin* and other places, that his Electoral Highness will begin it with the Siege of *Stetin*; on the other side we have Letters from *Struelsond*, which say, that the Suedes expect 10 or 12000 men from *Livonia*, and that with this reinforcement they doubt not but they shall be in a condition to disappoint all the designs of their Enemy. From *Copenhagen* they write, that in *Schonen* the Suedes attacked both *Christianstadt* and *Christianople*, and those places were reduced to great necessities; so that it was feared they would fall into the Enemies hands. Great diligence was used at *Copenhagen* for the fitting out a Fleet of 30 Men of War, to which will be 15 more, which are equipping in *Holland*, by order of the States General. From *Stade* they tell us, that the Confederate Princes, who are concerned in the Conquests that have been made in the Dutchies of *Bremen* and *Ferden* cannot as yet come to an agreement concerning the partition, which, it is said, may hinder the *Lunenburg* Troops from acting this Campagne, as the common Cause might otherwise require.

Cologne, March 16. We expect the Letters we shall receive to morrow from *Strasburg* and those parts will give us an account, that the Duke of *Lorrain* is marched with several Regiments from *Eslingen* towards the *Rhine*, in order to his passing it, and his descending towards the *Moselle*; for so our last Letters told us his Highness had received positive orders to do, notwithstanding the inconvenience of the season, and the difficulty the said Troops will have to find subsistence abroad, in which however they will be as much helped as is possible by the Magazines providing at *Treves* and *Luxemburg*. The *Osnabrug* Troops being upon the point of quitting this Diocess, are somewhat severe to the Inhabitants